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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY,
AT ITS
MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.
1907.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday and Friday of Easter week, April 4th and 5th, in the rooms of the American Philosophical Society, 104 South 5th street.

The following members were present at one or more of the sessions:

Barton,	Foote,	Jastrow,	Ogden,
Barret,	Gottheil,	Jewett,	Oliphant,
Bender,	Gray,	Johnston,	Peritz,
Berry,	Mrs. Gray,	Miss Letson,	Prince,
Bloomfield,	Haas,	Lanman,	Mrs. Stevenson,
Bolling,	Harper,	Metheny,	Toy,
Brown,	Haupt,	Michelson,	Ward,
Chandler,	Hinke,	Montgomery,	Welden,
Clay,	Hirth,	Moore, J. H.	Williams, F. W.
Collitz,	Hock,	Miss Morris,	Williams, Talcott
Currier,	Hooper,	Mueller,	Woods,
Easton,	Hopkins,	Nies,	Yohannan.
Ember,	Miss Hussey,	Oertel,	
Fisher,	Jackson, A. V. W.		

Total, 53

The first session began on Thursday morning at quarter past eleven, with Professor Toy in the chair.

In the absence of Professor Moore, the chair appointed Professor Hopkins to act as Recording Secretary.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting, held in New Haven, Conn., April 17th and 18th, 1906, was dispensed with,

having already been printed in the Twenty-seventh volume of the Society's Journal.

On motion of Professor Lanman it was voted to omit in future from the manuscript record of the minutes such matter as is to appear in printed form in the Society's Journal.

The Committee of Arrangements, through Dr. Talcott Williams, welcomed the Society to Philadelphia, and announced that the University Club extended its privileges to the members of the Society during their stay in Philadelphia; that a luncheon would be given to the Society by the Oriental Club on Thursday at one o'clock; that the Historical Society invited the Society to a reception on Thursday evening; and that arrangements had been made for a dinner on Friday evening at seven clock, at the Hotel Edouard.

The succeeding sessions of the Society were appointed for Thursday afternoon at half past two, Friday morning at ten, and Friday afternoon at half past two.

The Corresponding Secretary, Professor Hopkins, reported as follows:

Letters of acceptance have been received from all those elected to membership at the last meeting with the exception of two elected to corporate membership. It is desirable that members should not be proposed for membership in future before their assent has been received. Several members unable to be present have sent greetings to the Society. A notice was received from the Smithsonian Institution announcing the death of Samuel Pierpont Langley, late Secretary of that institution. To the list of our exchanges have been added *Al-Machriq*, The Catholic Press, Beirut, Syria; *Le Monde Oriental*, Upsala, Sweden; and the *American Journal of Archæology*. The Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Penna., has been added to the list of recipients of the Journal.

The following extract from a letter received from Mr. Montgomery Schuyler, of the American Legation at Bucharest, relative to his former residence in Siam, was then read by the Corresponding Secretary:

Hitherto the French are the only people to take an interest in the wonderful ruins in Siam and Indo-China, but I am sure that we could do fine work in that field if the attention of our Orientalists were drawn to it in the proper manner. The number of fascinating problems for the investigator in that part of the world is so large that I was simply overwhelmed during my residence in Siam, and my transfer to Roumania and Servia after a year gave me too little opportunity for study in the Far East . . . Even the inscriptions in Sanskrit which are being constantly found in Siam in the ruined "wats" have never been properly studied by well-equipped students. One day as I was walking by chance on one of the terraces of the large temple at the town of Prapatoom I

came across an inscription in Devanagari characters which I am sure would have been of interest, but unfortunately I was not able to stop to make a satisfactory tracing of it and I have never been there since that time. If the Carnegie or some other fund would devote a small part of its revenue to aiding archeological research in Siam it would be well repaid by the results. The Pali used in the Siamese Buddhist works is another subject full of interest.

The President of the Society, Professor Toy, has handed his resignation to the Secretary. Professor Torrey, as will appear from the report of the editors, has resigned from the post of Semitic editor.

The Secretary has to announce the death of the following members of the Society.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Professor Ceriani, of the Ambrosian Library at Milan.
Professor Ferdinand Justi, of Marburg, Germany.

CORPORATE MEMBERS.

Professor Hoppin, of Yale University.
Rev. Mr. E. J. Young, of Waltham, Mass.

SECTION FOR THE HISTORICAL STUDY OF RELIGIONS.

Rev. Charles S. Sanders, of Aintab, Turkey.
William W. Newell, of Cambridge, Mass.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Professor G. I. Ascoli, of Milan.
Dr. A. G. Paspatis, of Athens, Greece.

Tributes were paid to Professors Ceriani and Ascoli by Professor Bloomfield; to Professor Ceriani by Professors Lanman and Gottheil; to Professor Justi by Professor Jackson; to Professor Hoppin and Rev. Mr. Sanders by Professor Hopkins; and to Mr. Newell by Professor Toy.

The report of the Treasurer, Professor F. W. Williams, was presented, as follows:

The Treasurer has the honor of presenting his annual report of the financial condition of the Society to its members. The items in his account do not differ materially from those of preceding years excepting in the sum of \$369.60 devoted to binding, a sum which will have to be nearly doubled this year before the periodicals and journals in the library are brought into a safe and useful condition. This expenditure

has been more than offset during the past year by the receipt of \$411.54 from sales of our own publications, an unusual amount which we cannot hope to equal in another year. The cost of printing the Journal of the Society comes to \$1726.16, which with the honorarium to its editors and incidental expenses brings the total yearly disbursement to almost exactly \$2000.00, not including charges for the library. Against this expenditure we have received this year a gross revenue of \$1907.84—a decidedly larger amount than our average. The deficit has been met by withdrawing \$394.48, the Life Membership Fund and accrued interest deposited in the Suffolk Savings Bank. As the Bradley and Cotheal Funds cannot be used for the general expenses of the Society, there are now only the remaining accumulations of some \$225.00 in accrued interest and the thirteen shares of Bank Stock to be drawn upon to meet an annual deficit of about \$400.00, which may be considered as normal under the present policy of the Society. To maintain the high quality of its scholarly work and influence the Society should be able to count upon the support of at least three hundred and fifty paying members and the interest upon invested funds to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY THE TREASURER OF THE
AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account, Dec. 31, 1905,		\$ 482.79
Dues (309) for 1906	\$1044.75	
“ (54) for other years	264.47	
“ (13) for Hist. S. R. Sect.	26.00	
	—————	\$1,335.22
Sales of publications	411.54	
Life Membership Fund	300.00	
State Nat. Bank Dividends	109.10	
Annual Interest, Suffolk Savings Bank	13.44	
“ Prov. Inst. for Savings	37.75	
“ Nat. and Conn. Savings Banks79	
	—————	2207.84
		\$2,690.63

EXPENDITURES.

T., M. & T. Co., printing vol. XXVI ^{li}	\$811.04
“ “ vol. XXVII ^l	772.32
“ sundry	43.13
“ paper	142.80
Binding	369.60
Honoraria to editors	200.00
Librarian, postage and express	29.29
Treasurer, postage	1.84
Balance to general account	320.61
	—————
	\$2,690.63

STATEMENT.

	1905	1906
I. Bradley Type Fund (N. H. Savings Bank).....	\$2,297.44	\$2,414.21
II. Cotheal Publication Fund (Pr. Inst. Savings).....	1,000.00	1,000.00
III. State National Bank Shares	1,950.00	1,950.00
IV. Life Membership Fund (Suffolk Savings Bank).....	300.00	
V. Connecticut Savings Bank deposit.....	5.52	5.92
VI. National Savings Bank deposit	10.50	11.23
VII. Accrued Interest in II.....	69.63	107.38
VIII. " " IV.....	81.04	94.48
IX. " " V and VI.....	.34	1.13
X. Cash on hand.....	331.78	117.62
	<hr/> \$6,046.25	<hr/> \$5,701.97

Professor Jackson reported on the subscription made by members of the Society to the Oriental Bibliography and asked for further contributions.

The report of the Auditing Committee, Mr. J. D. Jackson and Mr. A. P. Stokes, was presented through the Secretary, as follows:

In the absence of my colleague, Mr. John Day Jackson, I have made an audit of the accounts of the American Oriental Society and hereby certify that I have examined the account-books of the Treasurer of the Society and have found the same correct, and that the foregoing statement showing the total assets to be \$5701.97 and the total receipts and expenses for the year to balance at \$2690.63 is correct. I have also compared the bills and vouchers, and statements of balances accompanying the same and have found them to be correct.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES, JR.

Auditor for the Society.

The Librarian, Professor Hanns Oertel, presented his report, as follows:

A STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT CONDITION AND URGENT NEEDS OF
THE LIBRARY

*of the American Oriental Society submitted to the members at the
April meeting at Philadelphia, 1907.*

Article II of the constitution of the American Oriental Society enumerates four "objects contemplated by this Society." Of these four the third and the fourth involve an expenditure of money. They are: "3. The publication of memoirs, transactions, vocabularies, and other communications presented to the Society" and "4. The collection of a library and cabinet."

It is thus clear that the founders of the Society and the framers of its constitution wisely attributed equal importance to the publication of the Society's Journal and the collection of the Society's Library. As the Journal was to be an outlet for the scientific activity of the Society so its Library was intended to become a handy tool for its members and an important depository for Oriental books in this country.

But in the matter of money appropriations this theoretical and desirable equality of the Journal and the Library has never received recognition.

The annual appropriations for the publication of the Journal are about \$1900 (viz. about \$1700 for the printing of the Journal and \$200 as honorarium for the editors). The annual appropriation for the Library usually has been about \$20 (i. e. just enough to defray the cost of postage and express). At no time has it been sufficient to allow even the binding of our accessions, which has resulted in an accumulation of many unbound volumes. The past year was the first in which the sum of \$370 was drawn from the treasury for the purpose of binding a part of the large accumulation of unbound volumes.

The policy of assuming that the Library will run itself tends to result in loss and disorder and cannot safely be continued in the future. There are two logical ways of dealing with the Society's Library. One is to leave it in a chaotic state and destroy its usefulness but effect a saving of money. The other is to make it useful to our members and keep it in proper condition. (It should be borne in mind that section IV of the By-Laws imposes upon the Librarian the duty of keeping a catalogue of all books belonging to the Society.) The minimum cost of this has been estimated in the Report which follows. An inadequate, careless, or incomplete cataloguing will be a source of vexation only, involving the outlay of money without obtaining adequate returns.

The experience of the past year has clearly shown that in the management of a Library of the size of ours there is a large amount of work with which the Librarian cannot be charged. Just as little as the editors of the Journal can be expected to set type, print, and mail the Journal (though a saving might thus be effected), just so little can the Librarian be charged with the clerical work of typewriting catalogue-cards, labelling, accessioning, and acknowledging. In the present state of the Library the supervision of these things and assistance in cataloguing consumes a very large amount of time and is all that can be expected of him. Provision should be made so that competent help may be procured and paid for. In this case, and in this case only, can we hope to have within a reasonable time a Library which, by means of a carefully printed catalogue, will be useful to all our members and of which the Society need not be ashamed.

As the Treasurer's Report shows an annual and chronic deficit of about \$300 and as the appropriation for the Journal cannot be cut down without most seriously interfering with the Society's activity and standing, it becomes a most serious and pressing problem to take at once such steps as will increase the Society's revenues.

II. *The work done this year ; April 1906-April 1907.*

The work done during the past year consisted

A. In drafting a general scheme for cataloguing the Society's Library:

B. In cataloguing a part of the old books; and

C. In taking care of the accessions.

The old books catalogued were

1, The printed manuscript-catalogues.

2, The Bibliotheca Indica (3 series) and the Bombay Sanskrit Series.

3, The Serials of which the Society has about 100 sets in progress of publication and 50 no longer published.

In the majority of cases these books, before they could be catalogued, had to be bound and labelled. Much time is consumed in preparing some of them for the binder (e. g., the volumes of the Bibliotheca Indica). The character of our books is, moreover, such that the gathering of the data necessary for properly cataloguing them requires not only much time and labor but also assistance of a very high class, both difficult to obtain and expensive. The task was further complicated by the necessity of making out lists of the volumes wanting in every series. These lists of desiderata were mailed in February to the Learned Societies, Academies, etc., with which the Society exchanges, with a request to assist us, as far as possible, in completing our sets, and it is hoped that these requests will meet with a generous response. This particular phase of the work, however, impressed in the strongest possible way the absolute necessity of keeping a careful watch over our serial accessions, in order to avoid gaps which often cannot be filled after the lapse of a certain time.

About 1550 volumes have been *labelled* and about 1500 volumes have been *catalogued*.

EXPENSES. For the *binding* of books \$369.66 were spent. In order to help defraying this expense a circular letter addressed to the larger Libraries of the world was sent out, offering to them the full set of our Journal at the reduced price of \$63.75 and single volumes at 20% discount. As a consequence, \$204 were turned into the treasury, received from such special sales of our Journal, and a bill for \$63.75 is still outstanding. (This sum of \$267.75 is over and above the usual sale of the Journal.)

For the rest of the work none of the Society's money has been expended. But a statement of the cost is here appended.

1. The work done in preparing the books for the binder and labelling them may be estimated at 40 working days of an assistant at \$2. This does not include the expert help necessary to prepare volumes like those of the Bibliotheca Indica for the binder, but takes into account the simple manual work only.

2. The work done in cataloguing the books may be estimated at \$255. This is on the supposition that 85 working days at \$3 would be consumed in this work, which allows for about 18 titles a day. The nature of the books in our Library makes such a figure, if anything, too high; and the wages are put at an exceedingly low figure.

To this should be added--

For assisting in drafting the general plan for the arrangement of the Society's Library, 3 days' services of a cataloguer at \$3, amounting to \$9.

For making out, etc., of the list of desiderata 10 days' time of such a cataloguer, amounting to \$30.

The sum total of the cost of cataloguing this portion of the old books of the Library would, therefore, have amounted to \$374.

To this should be added about \$65 for taking care of the annual accessions to the Library (accessioning, acknowledging, etc.). [See the detailed statement below, IV.]

The money value of the work so far expended on the Society's Library, exclusive of binding, janitor services, and other items of such character, is therefore equivalent to about \$436, figuring wages at the lowest possible cost. In reality \$500 would probably come nearer to what we should have had to expend on this work. For the successful completion of this work the Society stands indebted to Miss Margaret D. Whitney [see Librarian's Report, Journal vol. 27, p. 468-9]. Miss Whitney did not only herself spend a part of each day at the Library but also obtained the assistance of a number of ladies, and collected a small sum of money to hire additional help.

III. *The work that remains to be done to bring the cataloguing of the Society's Library up to date. Estimated Cost.*

1. Binding. It is estimated that about one-half of the unbound books in the Library have now been bound. The expense so far has been about \$370. There remain then a little less than one-half of unbound volumes. It is estimated that the cost of binding these will be \$350.

Note 1: It is impossible to keep books and periodicals in proper order and condition without binding them. It is equally impossible to let them go out of the Library unless they are bound. Consequently the usefulness of our Library is impaired in proportion to the number of unbound volumes, especially as most of our members cannot consult the books in New Haven.

Note 2: It should be borne in mind that about two-thirds of last year's expense for binding was defrayed by money derived from an extraordinary and special sale of our Journal. The market for such a sale is now exhausted and a similar income cannot be looked forward to for the ensuing year.

2. Cataloguing. Apart from new accessions there remain now uncatalogued about 3500 books.

(a) *Labelling.* The proper labelling and stamping of these (assuming that 100 books can be handled in the course of a working day) will occupy 35 days of an assistant at \$2, with a total cost of \$70.

(b) *Cataloguing proper.* There are about 250 volumes labelled and stamped but not yet properly catalogued and with the other 3500 books the number of books to be catalogued may be estimated at 3750. This task should occupy about 190 working days of a cataloguer at \$3, with a total cost of \$570. This calculation supposes that he will handle about 18 titles a day. This figure may seem low, but the difficulty of determining the proper details of entries is so great that even with the help of expert advice the work will be slow. The use of accented type in the typewriting of transliterated titles is, of itself, a source of considerable delay.

The total cost of cataloguing the remaining portion of the Library may thus be estimated at \$990.

IV. *Estimated Cost of administering the Library after it has been brought up to date. Estimated Annual Budget of the Library.*

1. *Serials.* We have about 95-100 serials which increase every year by a volume. Almost all of these come unbound, the majority in fascicles. They require (a) binding, (b) accessioning, (c) labelling and stamping, (d) acknowledging, and (e) cataloguing.

(a) *Binding.* The cost may be estimated at \$1 per volume. On the basis of 100 accessions this item would amount to \$100.

(b, c, d) *Accessioning, labelling of bound volumes, stamping and acknowledging.* This may be estimated to consume about 8 days of an assistant at \$2. Total expenses \$16.

(e) *Cataloguing.* Assuming that of the 100 volumes 90 per cent are continuations of old series and 10 per cent. are new (such as fascicles of the Bibliotheca Indica), involving some search, it is estimated that four working days of a cataloguer at \$3 will be required. Total cost \$12.

2. *New books.* Annual accessions from this source may be roughly estimated at from 175-200. About 75 per cent. of these are bound. The expense involved would be

(a) *Binding* 50 vols. at \$1 apiece—\$50.

(b) *Labelling*, 2 days' work of an assistant at \$2—\$4.

(c and d and e) *Accessioning, acknowledging, and cataloguing.* Estimating 20 titles a day, 10 working days of a cataloguer at \$3—\$30.

3. *Estimated postage for sending foreign and home acknowledgments—\$10.*

4. *Estimated cost of typewriting the Library correspondence, billing, postage—\$10.*

5. *Library-cards, stationery, etc.—\$10.*

6. *There should be a regular annual allowance*

(a) *for the purchase of odd volumes to complete a set or series where the volume or volumes lacking are out of print or cannot be obtained as a gift.*

(b) *for the purchase of certain necessary bibliographical helps, such as Aufrecht's Catalogus Catalogorum or Minerva. Something like \$50 should be appropriated for this purpose.*

The annual Budget would thus amount to \$298.

The Library thus urgently needs (1) an appropriation of \$1000 to be expended in cataloguing the remaining portion of the books, and (2) an annual appropriation of \$300 (i. e. about one-sixth of what is at present appropriated for the Journal).

All of which is respectively submitted by your Librarian.

New Haven, Conn. March 20th, 1907.

On motion of Professor Jackson the Society expressed its thanks to Miss Margaret D. Whitney and the ladies who helped her in preparing a catalogue of the library, and to Mr. Julius

Hotchkiss, to Mr. Schwab of the Yale Library, and to Mr. Whitney of the Branford library, for aiding in the same work.

The report of the Editors of the Journal, Professors Hopkins and Torrey, was presented by Professor Hopkins, as follows:

The twenty-seventh volume of the Journal was issued in two parts; the First Half appearing August 1st, 1906, and the Second Half March 12th, 1907. The volume contained 489 pages in all, or 464 pages exclusive of the Proceedings, List of Members, etc.

The Editors wish to call attention once more to the fact of an annual deficit of about three hundred dollars, due to the cost of publication of the Journal. So long as the Journal continues to have its present size, this annual deficit will be unavoidable. The Editors feel strongly that the size of the Journal ought not to be reduced, and that the change from two numbers to one number yearly would be unfortunate. Extensive and careful inquiry has shown that the cost of printing in New Haven is not greater than it would be elsewhere in America. There is great need, therefore, that the income of the Society be increased without delay by at least the amount of this deficit.

The members of the Society who contribute papers for publication in the Journal are urged to give them as nearly as possible their final form before sending in the manuscript to the editors. The re-writing of articles after they have been put in type has caused great waste of time and money, nearly every year, as well as a good deal of unnecessary delay in the appearance of the Journal.

The Editor of the Semitic section of the Journal, who has just completed his seventh year of service, finds himself obliged to resign his office, owing to pressure of other work, and has asked the Directors to appoint another in his place.

The following persons, recommended by the Directors, were elected members of the Society:

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Professor Hartwig Derenbourg. Professor T. W. Rhys Davids.

CORPORATE MEMBERS.

Prof. J. Cullen Ayer.	Rev. Dr. W. M. Groton.
Miss Alice M. Bacon.	Rev. Dr. W. J. Hinke.
Prof. George R. Berry.	Miss Lucile Kohn.
Prof. Julius A. Bewer.	Miss E. J. Letson.
George F. Black.	Mr. J. Renwick Metheny.
Rev. Philip Blanc.	Prof. Lucius H. Miller.
Prof. Albert T. Clay.	Mr. J. B. Sargent.
Prof. Hughell E. W. Fosbroke.	Prof. Charles M. Shepard.
Marquis Antoine Frabasilis.	Captain C. C. Smith.
Mr. Leo Frachtenberg.	Mrs. Sara Yorke Stevenson.
Prof. J. B. Game.	Prof. George Sverdrup.
Rev. Elihu Grant.	Prof. William C. Thayer.
Mrs. Louis H. Gray.	

MEMBERS OF THE SECTION FOR THE HISTORICAL STUDY
OF RELIGIONS.

Mr. M. A. Lane.

Prof. Patterson DuBois.

The committee appointed at New Haven to nominate officers (Messrs. Moore, Jackson, and Jastrow: see Journal, vol. 27, p. 471) reported through Professor Jackson as follows:

The committee, having received the resignation of Professor Toy from the presidency, nominate as his successor one of the Vice-Presidents, Professor Lanman, whose long services to the Society render this recognition peculiarly appropriate and whose rank as a scholar makes him a most fitting candidate. In regard to the Secretaries, Treasurer, and Librarian, the Committee see no reason to make any changes, and they therefore nominate the following officers:

President—Professor Charles Rockwell Lanman, of Cambridge, Mass.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. William Hayes Ward, of New York; Professor Maurice Bloomfield, of Baltimore; Professor Paul Haupt, of Baltimore.

Corresponding Secretary—Professor E. Washburn Hopkins, of New Haven, Conn.

Recording Secretary—Professor George F. Moore, of Cambridge, Mass.

Secretary of the Section for Religions—Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Treasurer—Professor Frederick Wells Williams, of New Haven, Conn.

Librarian—Professor Hanns Oertel, of New Haven, Conn.

Directors—The officers above named; and President Daniel Coit Gilman, of Washington; Professor Crawford Howell Toy, of Cambridge, Mass.; Professor Robert F. Harper, of Chicago; Professors Richard Gottheil and A. V. W. Jackson, of New York; Professor Henry Hyvernatt, of Washington; Professor Charles C. Torrey, of New Haven.

The officers thus nominated were unanimously elected.

Professor Hopkins reported from the Directors that they had ordered power of attorney to be given to E. Washburn Hopkins to act for the Treasurer, Professor F. W. Williams, during the absence of Professor Williams from the country. Professor Jewett, Dr. Gray, and Professor Barton were appointed by the Chair a committee to nominate officers at the first session of the next annual meeting.

At quarter past twelve Professor Toy delivered his address entitled "A Review of Work in the Oriental Languages during the Past Year."

At one o'clock the Society took a recess till half past two.

At two forty-five the Society met for its second session and proceeded to the reading of papers, Professor Lanman being in the chair. The following communications were presented:

Professor Barton, of Bryn Mawr College, Methods of investigating the origin of the Cuneiform Syllabary.—Remarks were made by Professor Jastrow.

Professor Bloomfield, of Johns Hopkins University, On repeated verse lines and stanzas in the Rig Veda [read in abstract].

Rev. Mr. Chandler, of Madura, India, Nayaka Kingdoms in South India.—Remarks were made by Professor Lanman.

Mr. Aaron Ember, of John Hopkins University, Word-formation and loan-words in Modern Hebrew.

Dr. Foote, of Johns Hopkins University, Note on Amos i. 3.

Dr. L. H. Gray, of New York, On certain Persian and Armenian month-names as influenced by the Avestan.

Professor Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, Xenophon's account of the fall of Nineveh.

Professor Hopkins, of Yale University, The sniff-kiss in ancient India.—Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Chandler, Professors Mueller, Lanman, and Toy.

Professor Jackson, of Columbia University, Some notes on the history of India.

Professor Lanman, of Harvard University, Palicisms in the Sanskrit of the Tantra-ākhyāyikam.—Remarks were made by Professor Hopkins and Mr. Michelson.

At five o'clock the Society adjourned, to meet on Friday at ten o'clock.

The Society met on Friday morning at ten o'clock with Professor Lanman in the chair. The following communications were presented:

Mr. Michelson of Ridgefield, Conn., Notes on the inscriptions of Asoka.—Remarks were made by Professors Lanman and Hopkins.

Mr. J. H. Moore, of Columbia University, A metrical analysis of the Pāli Iti-vuttaka, a collection of discourses of Buddha.—Remarks were made by Mr. Michelson and by Professors Lanman and Hopkins.

Professor Mueller, of Philadelphia, Observations on the letter *heth* in Northern Semitic.

Mr. Ogden of Columbia University, Some examples of Sāyana's treatment of the Vedic subjunctive.—Remarks were made by Professors Bloomfield, Haupt, Hopkins, Gottheil, and Mr. Michelson.

Professor Johnston, of Johns Hopkins University, Notes on *nubattu* and *u'iltu*.—Remarks were made by Professors Jastrow and Bloomfield.

Mr. Oliphant, of Johns Hopkins University, A study of the Vedic dual; the dual of bodily parts.

Professor Prince, of Columbia University, [two papers read in abstract] A Sumerian hymn to Nergal, and The English

Rommany jargon of the American roads.—Remarks were made by Professor Jastrow, Dr. Ward, and Professors Lanman, Bloomfield, and Hopkins.

Dr. Gray, of New York, On the Madras text of Subandhu's Vāsavadattā.—Remarks were made by Professor Hopkins.

Professor Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, [two papers read in abstract] The cuneiform name of the cachalot, and The etymology of *cabinet*.

Professor Jackson, of Columbia University, [read in abstract] Merv, the ancient Zoroastrian city in Turkistan.

Professor Johnston, of Johns Hopkins University, Some new cuneiform letters.

At one o'clock the Society took a recess till half past two.

At half past two the Society met for a short business session before resuming the reading of papers.

The Corresponding Secretary reported for the Directors that the next annual meeting would be held in Cambridge, Mass., beginning on April 23d, 1908. A committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of Professors Lanman, Lyon, and Hopkins.

The Directors further reported that they had appointed Professors E. Washburn Hopkins and Professor Lewis B. Paton Editors of the Journal for the ensuing year. Professors Torrey and Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., were appointed auditors for the year 1907-1908.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The American Oriental Society desires to express sincere thanks to the American Philosophical Society for the use of its rooms; to the Oriental Club and Historical Society of Philadelphia for their generous hospitality; to the University Club of Philadelphia for courtesies extended to the Society; and to the Committee of Arrangements for their efficient services.

At two forty-five the reading of papers was resumed with Professor Toy in the chair.

The following communications were presented:

Miss Margaretta Morris, of Philadelphia, Magic and morals in Borneo.—Remarks were made by Professors Jastrow, Hopkins, and Toy.

Professor Clay, of the University of Pennsylvania, The Aramaic endorsements on the business documents of Murāshū Sons.—Remarks were made by Professor Toy.

Professor Jastrow, of the University of Pennsylvania, The liver in Babylonian divination.

Mr. Metheny, of Philadelphia, Road-notes in Cilicia and Northern Syria.—Remarks were made by Dr. Ward.

Rev. Mr. Chandler, of Madura, India, The Jesuit Mission in Madura in the seventeenth century.

Dr. Foote, of the Johns Hopkins University, Visiting sins upon the innocent.—Remarks were made by Professor Toy.

Professor Lanman, of Harvard University, Buddhaghosa and his treatise on Buddhism entitled *The Way of Purity*.

Professor Montgomery, of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, An Aramaic inscription from Guzney, Cilicia.—Remarks were made by Professor Jastrow.

Mr. Welden, of the University of Pennsylvania, A Note to Rig Veda, 10. 137. 7.—Remarks were made by Professor Hopkins.

At five o'clock the Society adjourned, to meet in Cambridge, Mass., April 23d, 1908.

The following communications were read by title:

Professor Barton, of Bryn Mawr College, The text and interpretation of Ecclesiastes 5¹⁹.

Dr. Blake, of Johns Hopkins University, (a) A bibliography of the Philippine languages; (b) Contributions to comparative Philippine grammar. II. The numerals; (c) Connective particles in the Philippine languages; (d) Notes on Hebrew phonology.

Professor Gottheil, of Columbia University, Hasan ibn Ibrāhīm ibn Zūlāk and his Ta'rikh Miṣr wa-Fad'āliha.

Professor Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, The name Istar.

Professor Hopkins, of Yale University, Aspects of the Vedic Dative.

Mr. Michelson, of Ridgefield, Conn., Preliminary report on the linguistic study of the Vāyu Purāṇa.

Professor Mills, of Oxford, The Ahuna Vairya and the Logos.

Professor Mueller, of Philadelphia, The last years of the Persian rule in Egypt.

Mr. Oliphant, of John Hopkins University, Was there a lost myth—Indra and the Ants?

Mr. Quackenbos, of Columbia University, Classical allusions to the pearl and pearl-fisheries of Persia and India.

Dr. Yohannan, of Columbia University, Persian Notes.